

PROPOSED COUNCIL STUDY ISSUE

For Calendar Year: 2005

New _____
Previous Year (below line/defer) X

Issue: Explore Possibility of a Gun Amnesty Program

Lead Department: Public Safety (DPS)

General Plan Element or Sub-Element: Police Services Sub-Element

1. What are the key elements of the issue? What precipitated it?

In 2003, Mayor Julia Miller requested that DPS explore the possibility of sponsoring a "gun amnesty" program in Sunnyvale. Study would explore gun amnesty programs held in other communities and identify necessary resources to conduct a similar program in Sunnyvale.

The issue was presented at the 03 Study Issues Workshop and approved. DPS placed the issue "below the line" because DPS did not have the staff capacity to complete the study.

At the 12/16/04 Council Study Issues Workshop, Council amended this issue to explore participation in the Santa Clara County Police Chiefs' gun amnesty program and promotion of this program through the Office of the City Manager - Communications Division. Based on this action, Sections 5, 7, 8, and 9 have been amended.

2. How does this relate to the General Plan or existing City Policy?

Police Services Sub-Element Goals:

4.1A.4 – Reduce crime by strengthening the Police-Community partnership.

4.1A.4a – Continue and enhance neighborhood-based crime prevention programs.

3. Origin of issue:

Council Member(s): Miller (2003)

General Plan: _____

City Staff: _____

Board or Commission (identify NA
name of the advisory body from
the list below):

(Arts, Building of Code Appeals, BPAC, Child Care, Heritage, Housing and Human Services, Library, Parks and Recreation, Personnel and Planning)

Board or Commission ranked this study issue _____ of _____
 Board or Commission ranking comments:

4. Multiple Year Project? Yes___ No X Expected Year Completed 2005

5. Estimated work hours for completion of the study issue (use 5 or 8-hour increments):

(a) Estimated work hours from the lead department 40

(b) Estimated work hours from consultant(s) if applicable: _____

(c) Estimated work hours from the City Attorney's Office: 5

(d) Estimated work hours from Finance: _____

(e) Estimated work hours from other department(s):

Department: OCM - Communications 10

Department: _____

Department: _____

Total Estimated Hours: 55

6. Expected participation involved in the study issue process?

(a) Does Council need to approve a work plan? Yes___ No X

(b) Does this issue require review by a Board/Commission? If so, please list below: Yes___ No X

(c) Is a Council Study Session anticipated? Yes___ No X

(d) What is the public participation process?

Public hearing at scheduled Council meeting

7. Cost of Study: Please mark appropriate item below.

X Costs covered in operating budget - 483 Community Safety Services and 735 External Relations

___ Costs covered by project - <project name>

___ Budget modification needed for study

Explain below what the additional funding will be used for:

8. Potential fiscal impact to implement recommendations in the Study approved by Council, if any:

Mark a range for the items below:	\$500 or none	\$50K or less	\$51K - \$100K	\$101K - \$500K	\$501K or more
Capital expenditure range					
Operating expenditure range		X			
New revenues/savings range					

Explain impact briefly: Staff time to complete research, coordinate participation and community relations.

9. Staff Recommendation for this calendar year:

"For" Study X Explain:

DPS staff concurs with this amended approach and believes that gun amnesty programs are more effectively implemented on a county or regional basis. The Santa Clara County Police Chiefs Association has sponsored similar programs in the past and this approach will allow DPS to participate in such future efforts provided staffing resources are available.

"Against" Study Explain. If staff suggests that this study should not be considered again in the future or deferred at this time, please include this in your explanation:

No Recommendation

Note: If staff's recommendation is "for study" or "against study", the Director should note the relative importance of this Study to other major projects that the department is currently working on or that are soon to begin, and the impact on existing services/priorities.

Reviewed by


Department Director

1/10/05
Date

Approved by


City Manager

1/18/05
Date